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His Imperial Majesty, William II., of Germany, is going to Jerusalem to dedicate a Lutheran church in that venerable city, and his journey thither will be a march of glittering splendor and princely luxury. There will be nothing to bother William, as he is on the most friendly terms with all the magnates through whose lands he travels. He will find no Saladin to test his mettle as did Barbarossa of Germany and Richard Coeur de Lion in the good old days of chivalry. The Teutonic monarch, unlike the Crusaders, will make a delightful stop in Constantinople, and will there exchange a few bon mots with his Oriental contemporary, Abdul Hamid, and possibly, also, he may meet the numerous consorts of this much heaped and pullet-pecked potentate.

And even in the Holy Land William will find everything as carefully arranged as though he were a Roman stage hero, for the Caliph of Islam is going to extend to him the warmest hospitality. Once the Moslems made things hot for gentlemen of the Kaiser's faith, but this time the degree of warmth will be different and of a pleasant sort.

This modern crusade is deliciously romantic and likewise harmless, though the diplomatic world doesn't quite know what's the good of it all. Still, no one is exactly surprised, for the tricks of the Imperial Teuton have long since ceased to surprise people. One good, wholesome, in de siècle feature of the programme shows itself in the arrangements the Kaiser is making for this extended journey. All kinds of generals and counts and ministers and "vons" will attend the monarch, and in addition to these there will be high-born officials and suites of valets, hostlers, coachmen, and postilions to take care of the 136 horses of the expedition. Indeed, the Chicago Chronicle, in dwelling on this prospective pageant, predicts that it will equal Colonel William F. Cody's Wild West parade or the landing of the American commission at Honolulu a month or so ago.

And in addition to all the dignitaries set forth above, eighteen members of the Berlin police force, heavily armed, will protect the person of the Emperor, and in addition to their weapons each of them will have portable cameras. They will not shoot with bows and arrows at the unspeakable Turk, as did their progenitors, but they will take snap-shots at pretty much everything that comes their way. "This arrangement," says a dispatch, "promises to produce an enormous collection of photographs to serve as memorials of the journey." If the eighteen "coppers" do their duty, and the sun does the rest, we cannot see how it could be otherwise.

Our Chicago contemporary expects to see from the grist of this photographic mill pictures representing "His Imperial Majesty on a Bucking Camel," "His Imperial Majesty Ducked in the Jordan," "His Imperial Majesty Chased by a Redoubt," "His Imperial Majesty Approving of the Mount of Olives," and similar scenes calculated to make life delicious for the Kaiser's admirers.

We shall await developments with interest, not only the development of the photographic negatives by the artistic constabulary, but also the beneficial aftermath which must surely follow such a trip by such a man.

THE TRIBUNE'S LETTER.

The New York Tribune of yesterday has a two-column letter, under a Richmond date, reviewing the political situation in this State. Whether it is the production of some person here, or is the work of one of its Washington correspondents, we know not. It shows some degree of acquaintance with Virginia affairs, mixed with not a little misinformation.

The object of the communication is to denounce our election law and criticize the methods of the Republican State Committee. Inasmuch as the Tribune and its people are upholders and defenders of Mr. Hanna, their view of what is, or is not, honest politics, will not count for much down here. Whoever is satisfied with Hanna's methods and thinks them decent, honest, and fair should be disqualified from sitting as a judge in any case involving the question of fair elections. So much for that.

When the Tribune's correspondent comes to talk about the Virginia Republican Committee he is on safer ground, supposable. But whether he is or not, the following extract from his letter has interested us:

"The Republican State Committee is in the hands of men to whom the machinery and control of the party machinery seem to mean nothing more than the personal and political aggrandizement of themselves and their friends; men, who, if they can control and manipulate 'official patronage,' enjoy a fair share of the honors and emoluments of office themselves. They get out by hostess to delegates to Republican national conventions, care little or nothing about the political complexion of the National House of Representatives, or the success or failure of any national policy of their party. Some of them are men who were most vociferous in their opposition of the Mahone machine a few years ago, which, compared with the one they now control, was, in some respects, a rather mild sort of tyranny."

It is none of the Dispatch's business to speak for either of the wings of the Republican party in this State, but we must say that the confession made in the foregoing paragraph conforms to the views of thousands of members of that party in Virginia. The presence in the field of so many rival Republican candidates is correctly explained by the Tribune. The war is on and has been brought on by the tyranny of the leaders whom the Tribune's correspondent condemns. Nor will it do for any one to pooh pooh this revolt from a rule that is worse than Mahone's.

As sure as the sun rises on November 8th, it will be seen that thousands of Republicans in this State have sternly set their faces against a perpetuation of the methods, power, and injustice of the would-be rulers of their party.

The chess-bringers now in session in this city are of the sort that make life's journey safe. Good speed to their work!

THE RICHMOND DISPATCH.